

Actions by FirstNet Board
October 25, 2013

A. Bill D'Agostino Update and Overview:

- \$194M operating plan for FirstNet (FN) was approved.
- Board transitioning to oversight from management
- FN has moved from planning phase to execution phase
- FN developing tighter budget controls for spending on the 2014 plan
- FN establish spending limits and milestones for 6 operational areas within the FN operational plan
- Hiring of staff underway
- Work locations preliminarily identified (see below)
- Continuing FN outreach to states, local and federal partners
- Focus on aligning the VTOCs and bringing them into the FN family.
- Bill Casey is the new Chief of Staff. Bill has FBI and Boston Police background.
- New hires for senior team will be announced soon.

B. Outreach efforts:

- FN team on the road non-stop since August. Meeting with and listening closely to partners.
- Major events:
 - AFCO conference – established a significant partnership
 - OK – met with first responders involved with the Tornado incident.
 - Conducted PSAC briefing on technology.
 - App developers conference working on security levels and how app developers can develop apps for public safety
 - State Sheriff's Association Conference
 - Idaho National Labs – leverage some of the things they have in place regarding cyber security
 - TCIA – met with board and keynote address.
 - Met with the states of VA and AR
 - FBI and DHS – connect security layer of FN with FBI info
 - Major City Chiefs of Police Conference

C. Upcoming:

- Nov 4th Tribal outreach session in Washington, DC
- Nov 13-15 PSCR R&D workshop

D. Technical team is reviewing the RFI feedback. 300 responses received. Gathering summaries and information. Continuing marketing research phase in all these areas.

Summary: The management team is focused on taking FN off of paper and onto measurable progress.

E. Recommended Work Locations

- It is important that FN solidifies work locations for purposes of hiring and outreach.
- Staff recommends aligning with FEMA Regions.
- Leverage co-location opportunities
- Create public safety experience centers – allows public safety to visit and test-drive LTE capabilities. One in the East and one in the West.
- Co-locate technical outreach staff.
- Operation and technology resources will be spread nation wide.
- Sites for hardened operation and data centers will be determined in the future.

Board Approved:

1. North Virginia – Headquarters location for FirstNet – proximity to Department of Commerce is seen as important.
2. Technical staff will be located in Boulder Colorado – home of the Department of Commerce Labs – significant support for public safety and LTE. Also, building a relationship with the University of Colorado.
3. Proposing offices in each of the 10 FEMA regions in the 2014-15 timeframe. Locations to be determined and approved by Board at a future date.

Rationale behind choosing FEMA territories:

1. Well-defined, clearly understood territories
2. From a response perspective, tightly linking with FEMA makes sense
3. FN can leverage infrastructure and staff at these locations
4. The final locations will be reviewed and approved by the Board at a future meeting.

F. Extension of the VTOP grants.

VTOP grants need some additional time for discussion with potential recipient sites. The staff requests an extension to November 15th to work out the details for the grants. Approved by Board.